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CITY PARTNERS WITH INDIANA BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ADD BIKE LANE SAFETY EDUCATION TO STATE DRIVER'S MANUAL

INDIANAPOLIS – The City of Indianapolis announced today that a more elaborate and informative section for motorists on how to drive on streets with bike lanes is included in the latest edition of the Indiana Driver's Manual, released today by the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV). The BMV worked with the City and Bicycle Indiana to help create the educational material and increase the number of bike lane-related questions on the driver's written knowledge test.

"The results we achieved working with the BMV and Bicycle Indiana on the driver's manual will help foster bike lane education and ensure that both drivers and cyclists know how to share the road, which is important for the safety of everyone," said Mayor Greg Ballard. "This is just one of the ways the City is working with the public to educate drivers and cyclists on the rules of the road."

The manual provides additional information for motorists and their interaction around bike lanes and cyclists as well as the additional study questions. Previously, the BMV driver's knowledge test chose from a pool of three questions on bike lane safety. That pool now includes six questions – doubling the number of possible bike lane safety questions on the driver's knowledge test. The changes will be effective by the end of July. The new manual is available online at www.mybmv.com or at any BMV license branch.

The City of Indianapolis currently has 64 miles of on-street bike lanes. With the Indianapolis Bikeways Plan, a total of 200 miles of bike lanes will be installed over the next 12 years. For more information on the City of Indianapolis Bikeways program please visit www.indy.gov/bikeways.

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